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CHRISTMAS.

"Christmas is coming and what will it bring? Many a pleasant and gladdening thing. Meetings and greetings and innocent mirth. All that is brightest and best on the earth."

We hope that Christmas may bring to each of our readers "all that is brightest and best on the earth." Almost another year has rolled by. To some it has brought pleasure; to others disappointment and dars that were forgotten at last Christmas day, and to a few the year has brought prosperity. Perhaps in some instances the disappointments have outbalanced the pleasures and we may feel inclined to say with Goldsmith "Oh a sign pregaus and sorrows fall to see the load of human bliss so small."

It is well for us indeed that true happiness is not altogether dependent on external circumstances. We can seek to a very great extent make or mar our own lives: "Meetings and greetings and innocent mirth" such as we see at this time may seem very trivial things to increase our pleasure but it is true that "These little things are great to little man." At this happy season we can each "earn the luxury of doing good," and once tried let us hope that these little acts of kindness, which are now seen on every hand, may be carried into the new year. As Christmas approaches the effects of the dead contemplated in the minds of the people may be seen in their treatment of each other. Kindly thoughts unconsciously bring more kindly actions. To the children especially this is a time of rejoicing. Rich treats are in preparation for them and the arrival of the far famed Santa Claus is eagerly looked for. Let us hope that the Babe of Bethlehem may not be forgotten amidst the general rejoicing.

Childhood is easily pleased. "but as we grow more earnest the river grows more deep, and where we laughed in childhood, we, older, pause to weep." We often, too, look back on these halcyon days and wish we could live them over again and feel the same thrills of pleasure. We are glad to know that there are many parents like Irving's "Squire" Bracebridge, whose policy it is "to make the children feel that home is the happiest place in the world," and in after years the children look backward and value this delicious home feeling as one of the choicest gifts a parent could bestow." Young people must have enjoyment and if it is not provided for them in their own homes, they will seek it in places that are far less safe. The great pursuit of mankind, young and old, is happiness. In every stage of life it is searched for, with untiring energy; sought after in a thousand different shapes and though often disappointed still the search goes on. Some look for their coveted happiness in the gay and more youthful pleasures of life; in scenes of mirth and pleasure where its presence is made known by joy and laughter pictured in every countenance. Others seek it in costly dwellings, imagining that happiness dwells only with the great. The miser believes that happiness is only to be found in hoarded wealth and a large bank account laid up against the day of adversity. The epicure appreciates no other happiness than that which directly appeals to the sense and believes that nature has so constituted us that we receive the maximum of enjoyment when we indulge the appetites which are given us for that end. The ambitious man turning to "the kingdom of the world and the glory of them" sees many ways of advancing his fortunes and rising in power and honor. All their bewitching charms are placed before his eyes and he says himself "what greater happiness can there be than this?"

So we are apt to be carried about from one point to another. As we think we are about to lay our hands on the coveted

good we find that "all that glitters is not gold" and we turn away disappointed. Does the fault lie in the incapacity of our own nature or is it in the enjoyments themselves? Was not Goldsmith right when he said "our own folly we make or find."

Reader, we wish you a Merry Christmas, and hope that you may find your wished for happiness.

"Ring out, ye bells, o'er all the earth,
To tell with brazen voices,
The tidings of the Saviour's birth,
And bid mankind rejoice."

The crop of 1893—Bulletin No. 43, on crops of Manitoba, gives the following figures for the province: Wheat—Acre under crop, 1,008,640; yield per acre, 15.56 bush. Total yield, 15,615,928 bush.

Wheat was all No. 1 hard and free from smut. Oats—Acre under crop, 966,995; yield per acre, 25.28 bush. Total yield, 9,929,995 bush.

Five years ago a man named McMahon was sentenced for life to Kingston penitentiary for the murder of Wm. Holton, at Windsor, Ont. It now appears that Mr. Duff, who was recently convicted of man slaying in British Columbia, is in the guilty party and an effort is being made to secure the release of McMahon.

Henry J. Gwens, colored, of Henderson Ky., has just been strung up to a tree because he was "suspected" of poisoning stock and refused to leave the place where he was ordered to do so by "Judge Lytle" and committee.

Elis Mayor Howland, of Toronto, is dead. He was a believer in Christian Science and a physician was not called till acute pneumonia had reached that stage which renders recovery very doubtful.

There is a man living near Brandon with a broken neck, caused by falling off a load of hay. He can eat and speak but his whole body and limbs are paralyzed.

New Brunswick is at present without a Lieutenant-Governor, and no marriage licenses can be issued without his signature. Rather hard.

Eggs are said to be selling at \$1.00 a dozen in Vancouver. This would be a good time to feed the Manitoba hen some of our 40c. wheat.

The next Y. M. C. A. Convention for Manitoba and the North West will be held in Winnipeg, Sept. 7-11, 1894.

The sentence of Le Blanc, condemned for the murder of Wilson, has been commuted to fifteen years imprisonment.

Hon. T. A. R. Lafontaine, who was Minister of Justice in the Mckenzie Government, is dead.

Hon. Mr. Bowell has returned from Australia, greatly pleased with the success of his mission.

It is reported that Nancy Hanks, the famous record breaker has been retired from the turf.

How to Make Money.

The love of money, as mere money, and the wish to get it for its own sake, is wrong, because it is selfish. The wish for money as a means to an end—as a means of getting learning, buying books, pictures, and other good and beautiful things; and as a means of making others happy—is both proper and commendable. You should want money because it helps you to be worthy of refined and cultivated people, because it is an aid toward the formation of a sweet and noble character. There may be good and charming people near you, but what avail is it if you have money to buy books that you may inform yourself and make yourself fit for such society.

A certain person once said, "The world owes me a living." Here is a proverb which sounds very wise. It is really only the saying of a foolish and dishonest person. The world does not owe you a living. It is you who are in debt to the world. You go out upon the road, you cross the bridge, you are safe in the street from many dangers that were once common. You go to libraries, churches, art galleries, and public buildings. What did you contribute to all these things? Nothing. Thousands of men and women too, toiled to make these things years be-

fore you were born. Thousands of people are working to day to maintain these things. If the world owes you a living, who is to pay it to you? You see people all about you with money. They will not give it to you, and if you take it you will find yourself in prison. Only those who can have. Occasionally a man has what is not his, as when he gambles in Wall Street, but there is a fatal character about all money a man doesn't earn. It has wings, and some day they spread and you are left desolate, and then it is you will find yourself in the street, because it pays you nothing you have not earned.

These two things are important and should be remembered. It is right and proper to want to make money, but money that is not earned will never bring any good thing, will never bring any satisfaction.

We will suppose you have nothing save a wish to do something, a roof over your head, and a fair suit of clothes. Of course, if you have not even those you must sell your labor anywhere you can and for what you can get till you earn enough to hire a shelter from weather and to buy some clothing of some kind. We will suppose you are better off than this; that you have, at least for the present, a home and friends who will reg you. You do not suffer for food or run any risk of losing your health because you are not perfectly clad. You have not to think of these things every day, though it is highly important that you get money as soon as possible, lest you suffer the shame and humiliation of being dependent on others. We must suppose one more thing. You must have good health. If you do not have it, everything must be sacrificed in getting it. How and why you lost your health does not concern us now. It is purely a personal matter. The thing to do is, first of all get well, and we will talk about earning money afterwards.

You are well and strong, pot in demand, and wish to earn money. Good. What do you need first? Capital, You have it already. It is in two forms—time and your physical and mental labor. With these two you can conquer the world and win a fortune. You cannot say you have no time. You have the whole of the solar day. You have twenty-four hours from midnight to midnight. We begin at midnight. You are, of course, asleep. You must have seven hours' sleep, and if you retired at ten o'clock, you have five hours left. Every hour you sleep beyond five o'clock is simply a waste of capital. You can dress by six, have breakfast, and thirty minutes rest after breakfast all over seven, and you work can begin. You eat certain food at breakfast. That food, when digested, will give you capital in the way of bodily or mental power for five or six hours. Again you have capital. If you waste your capital by eating wrong food or idling away your time, that is your affair.

We suppose you do not waste your capital, that you rise early, eat proper food, take time to digest it, and are ready to work at seven o'clock sharp. What will you do? Ah! There's the question! What can you do? What can you do?

The answer seems almost amusing, if it is the matter, instead of being a pretty grim reality, were only a rare joke. What can you do? You must do just what you like. There is the one great secret. What do you like to do? Find this out and do it.

Pneumonia.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The reports of Professors McEachran and Adams upon the examination made by them of the deceased lungs of Canadian cattle from the steamers Lake Winnipeg and Huron have been received by the minister of agriculture. It will be remembered that the veterinary adviser of the British board of agriculture pronounced both cases to be contagious pleurisy-pneumonia, although no such disease existed in the herds from which the cattle were taken. The reports of both veterinary experts in the old country were based on a serious error.

London, Dec. 14.—The Evening Standard, Conservative, says editorially today of the situation in Hawaii: "The knot of merchants, speculators and office-seekers who planned the revolution in Hawaii naturally are furious at Mr. Cleveland for declining to accept the island as the result of a nefarious intrigue by American citizens. No other decision could have been expected from an honest and honorable man. The group of adventurers holding the government are defiant but it can hardly be supposed that they contemplate resistance to any warship, American or other, which may be sent. Doubtless an American cruiser will soon be on the scene. The British cruiser Champion is now at Hawaii awaiting development."

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NOTES FROM HOLY ROME.

The Prince of Naples Celebrates a Birthday.

POPE LEO AT HOME.

How Our Venerable Patriarch Fusses at His Palace in the Tower—His Silver and Gold Coffage in Bankrupt Italy—Buried in a Coffin by the Caskets.

THE winter season has nearly set in, and all the light and gaiety in the Eternal City, though it is daily growing more somber, has not yet begun to outnumber its normal proportions. God and bad-weather seem to prevail in Europe generally; but here all is sunny and bright. In Rome the days are happy and comfortable, and amazement at our beauty is incomparable by their absence.

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ROYAL VICTOR MANFREDI'S BIRTHDAY.

The Prince of Naples entered on his 24th year on the 1st Day of May (the saint's day of soldiers). He was called Prince di Napoli, to please the people; and a kind of imitation of Edward I and his Prince of Wales. The Prince is the only son of Italy's sovereigns and was christened Victor Manfredi. It was said that he was born in a villa of an Italian dynasty destined to reign over all Italy, for which reason his birth was celebrated with universal joy throughout the peninsula. The coronation was attended at first much anxiety, but the great care with which he was surrounded overcame the doubts.

DEAR LADIES HE NOW LOVES THEM ALL.

The Prince's year has had no romance to it, and was spent with the Queen and the King, who were very fond of him. He did his ladies' society as much as he did dancing, but when he went to live there his mother begged some of the ladies of the Neapolitan aristocracy to bring him out, and they did their best to do it, that the youth in a short time developed into a fine young man. The characteristic of the youthful Don Juan is that he is fond of dancing as any other young man, and with the frolics he has during the winter he is always the first person to propose a waltz, when he dances with the greatest spirit, and is quite ready to make love to all the pretty girls and their sweethearts, of whom there is a good supply in Naples.

SPECULATION ABOUT THE CONCILIATION.

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THE BOSS IN HIS CHAMBER.

The tower of Pisa IV, chosen by Leo for his retreat, has been restored and separated from the ramparts built by Leo X. The fortifications are in defense of the Louvre, and the Vatican Palace. During these sixteen years of self-imposed imprisonment His Holiness has suffered severely for the sake of the tranquillity of the city where he lived for many years, and it was for the purpose of escaping from the oppressive heat of his Vatican kingdom—which is in reality a little city within the Eternal City, offering the most remarkable example of an overpopulated community—by the side of an isolated tower he left the green fields and shady trees of his garden. The Pope has always taken a great interest in his garden—in the olive-vines and village of the land, but his letters to especially centered in the olive and vineyards which he had planted, and the pleasure of ripening of grapes, and the gathering at vintage time. He turned himself on a map the avenues which he had made to enlarge the circuit of daily drives, and he turned and twisted them so that he might pass through the different plantations and enjoy a variety of scenery.

LIFE IN THE OLD WORLD, TOWER.

At the extremity of these extensive grounds there was a very high wall measuring 100 feet high and 100 feet wide, and round inside it was a delicate spot, shaded with gravel walks bordered with flowers and shrubs leading down to the western tower was turned into a astronomical observatory. The other tower he had made a smaller, this resort for the Pope. There are three large rooms in it, the one above the other. His Holiness occupies the central one, which has three windows, the walls are four yards wide, one of them is closed and the deep embrasures have been filled up with stones. For the two northern windows there is a beautiful view of the Villa Pamphili and the Appennines.

THREE AND BACK EVERY DAY.

In the middle of the room stands the Pope's large writing-table of ebony, which

is very, and before it an imposing high-backed chair. Behind the desk are a few small red silk pillows with gilt settings, in the aristocratic style of sixty years ago, which have been taken out of some forgotten portfolio. In the recesses of one of the windows there is a small iron bed covered with red silk and hidden behind by a curtain of the same material. Here is also a little staircase leading up to the eaves of the wall which leads to the building of two stories constructed near the tower, in which there are two or three rooms for the servants and a small kitchen.

When Leo goes to pass the day at the tower he is accompanied by his chamberlain, a general (practically a chief of office and a captain). He is seated from the apartment in a sedan-chair through the loggia of Raphael, and the mosaics on the entrance to the Vatican gardens, where his carriage waits him. The sedan-chair is drawn by a black steed opposite to the Hall of the Knights of Labor, in which the horses had been mounted their harnessed and secured carriage. After two or three turns and the garden, he alights at the door of the tower, dinner sees his carriages and guards, who return to the Vatican with the carriage, having received orders to come in at 4 or 5 o'clock.

THE KING OF ROMA.

At the tower, ready to attend to his personal business, he has a number of the chamberlains, Signor Cesario, an important personage in the Papal household—and three other servants. An amusing occurrence to which the Pope submits with more or less patience is the inevitable presence of the old gardener, a clean-shaven, bald-headed man with a white beard and tail, who meets him every morning at the door to offer a stiff, old-fashioned nosebag, and remains kneeling while His Holiness takes abut on his olives and his grapes. Then the door is closed and the Pope retires to his room, where he remains alone from 8 to 11 o'clock, in his dining room, which carries him to his bed, and to his toilet. It is not a case of laziness, but of a desire to have an hour of quiet, to think, to eat, to rest. In his tower, however, he seems to consider eating a troubous superfluity. The simplest kind of food and the least expensive is what he prefers. A glass of milk, a piece of bread, a slice of cheese and a light salami, with a few olives, constitutes his midday meal, which lasts about twenty minutes. Sometimes during his dinner, he has a little chat with his servant Cesario, who waits on him, than a few drops upon his little couch for an hour to rest. In his tower, however, he has been caused by the imagination concerning the miseries and the unattached loose assembly.

250 LOCAL ASSEMBLIES MAY GO.

The rule requiring all affiliated and unaffiliated locals to attach themselves to districts assemblies will, it is calculated, last night, result in the withdrawal of about 250 local assemblies, with a membership of 40,000 in the South and West Canada. This is the opinion of the executive branch of the Knights of Labor, who say that the miners' section, they claim, represents a minority of the members of the Order, but a majority of the strike element, and have injured the Order among the conservative members. By reuniting a number of boy-scouts, removed by the old Executive Board, this section is raising 5,000 men, and runs at 1,000 revolutions per minute at the drill spindle, according to the instructions of the change gear, to 167, 83 and 12 revolutions. The machine is built for use with drills up to 2 inches in diameter.

HOW TO BE Beautiful.

At last there is some money in Rome; there has been a perfect famine of it lately. Eight millions of lire cent per note has just commenced circulating, so that there is no longer any difficulty in getting money. Silver coins are very dry, and as to a gold piece, except foreign ones, it is never to be had. Most annoying arrangements are made by the Italian Government, causing various as much inconvenience as possible concerning money payment. If you go to the bank to draw a sum, you must pay a fee to the teller for each note. If the sum will not cover paper, the note must be paid in Italian silver coins (silver)—other silver money, and if you do not have it you must obtain it from a money changer and pay him for the exchange. When you buy this at the foreign currency, it is that it is a foreign country, besides the fact that you must pay the rate of exchange which is very high now—nearly one dollar in every five.

MURKIN NOT IN WITH ITALIAN CUSTOMS.

Evidently money wanting, otherwise we can't understand why the famous Consolato as it were settled when it was to take place. Peer old Leo XIII, who looks so frail that a breath might kill him away, may last many a long day yet. At present there are three candidates for the papacy: the "progressive" out of which they are to be elected Pope—Domingo, Archbishop of Catania; Cardinals San Fausto, Archbishop of Naples, and whom had chosen to accept the one unreservedly very well—of priests Quirino, Margherita, and Capodistria. The Queen of Naples, however, holds the title of "Confidante to the Queen."

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AS TO CROSSING IT.

New a Graphologist Proposes to Tell a Writer's Character.

A graphologist has discovered that character can be read from the letter "J". He claims that the vertical line represents the fatality of life, and the horizontal bar the influence human will have over the world.

He also claims that the higher or lower a writer crosses the "J" is a guide to the amount of ideality contained in his nature, and that the lower part of the stroke corresponds to the practical and material part of the man's character.

For instance: the upper portion of the "J" with the dot at the top, and the horizontal bar at the middle, is the ideal part of the man's character, and the lower portion of the "J" is the material part.

The practical man, it appears, always starts a middle course, and crosses his "J" with the dot at the middle, and the horizontal bar at the middle, as it were. The poet or dreamer crosses his "J" quite above the vertical line, in other words, in the sky.

The poetical crosses his "J" with a downward sloping stroke. The line which is below the ideal portion of the "J" is the middle line by itself until it is raised, and the real realities of earthly existence.

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Advantages of Coal Gas.

A method of using coal gas without the solvents of the gasifying apparatus.

Bethelius, Wagner and Beamer.

It is the method of gas provided with an agitator at the bottom, the gas is made to enter an air-tube, when it is carried to the furnace by a current of air, which also works the agitator. The furnace is lined with bricks, and the incandescent particles cause the rapid and complete combustion of the coal dust.

At the K. of L. Assembly in Philadelphia Saturday afternoon T. V. Powderly gave up his position of General Master Workman.

Saturday night John Foster, a farmer of Unionville, Ind., killed his wife and their children with a revolver and then blew out his brains.

Mr. Belvoir, Conservative leader in the House of Commons, is suffering from an attack of influenza.

THE K. OF L. CRISIS.

Powdery's Defeat May Cause the Order's Disintegration.

A. W. WRIGHT TO RESIGN.

Powdery May Remain a Knight—Here He Made His Money in the Outer-World.

The Knights of Labor.

AN ELECTRIC DRILL.

It is Portable and Has a Flexible Shaft.

In that part of the General Electric Company's works in the Electricity Building, World's Fair, devoted to motors and their applications, there is a portable electric drill with a flexible shaft, made from a wire. This has been brought into existence to avoid the inconvenience experienced when ever it becomes necessary to drill pieces of metal too large and cumbersome for manual tools. The machine consists of a motor, a flexible shaft, a gear box mounted together on a tract, a flexible shaft, a gear box and drill rest, the motor carries on its side a double pulley, and on top a starting switch. The motor is a single wound, and has two poles, with a speed of 1,000 revolutions per minute. The armature is of the Geared type, and its shaft carries a pinion, serving to drive the flexible shaft through a change and reduction gears, enclosed in a housing, which is rotated by oil or grease. A universal joint connects the motor shaft which carries on the drill rest, and which carries on the drill, provides a clutch coupling which may be used for starting and stopping the drill. A second reduction in speed is obtained by the gear box driving the drill spindle. The drill spindle is held in a bearing which is mounted in a housing which may be clamped in any position. Increased speed of rotation is readily obtained by a movement of the side handle; and by another movement the intermediate gears are thrown in out of mesh when the universal joint is moved.

This machine is a 1/2 horse power, and runs at 1,000 revolutions per minute.

The machine is built for use with a

drill spindle of 1/2 inch diameter.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOUR TEETH?

A Good Tooth Brush and Plenty of Chloroform Are Essential.

"What's the matter with my teeth?" I asked my dentist.

"Chloro-form," was the laconic reply.

"You women," he continued, "think that you are the only ones who have to go to the dentist over your teeth twice a year."

"I think not. Just time you'll see."

"Keep your teeth by you—and when you're through brushing, look at your mirror and speak three minutes."

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THE ELKHORN ADVOCATE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1883

LOCAL NEWS.

This is the shortest day of the year. Don't forget the carnival on Christmas night. Mr. Sam Hoy left for Ontario this morning.

Mr. C. Bell of Virden was in town on Monday.

Miss Lillian Mowat left on Monday for Toronto.

B. A. McLonghry, V. S., visited his brother at Lippincott on Sunday.

There will be service held in St. Mark's Church on Christmas day at 11 a.m.

R. and M. Myers secured three deer near Fort Ellis on the Assiniboin this season.

Mr. Ben Johnson has returned to town from Mississippi, where he has been for the last few months.

Jack rabbits are having a hard time to keep out of the way of our minnows these fine moonlight nights.

Mrs. R. Travis and children, Addie and Weldon, arrived home on Saturday last from a visit to relatives in Nova Scotia.

Mr. J. E. Bradford, who has been in the Brandon Hospital for some time, has recovered, and is expected home on Friday evening.

Shorty's ox will no longer trouble the neighborhood, Harry Hunter having taken the animal in hand, in all probability it has seen its last days over this.

Two rinks of the Elkhorn Curling Club with Stewart and Fraser as skips, visited Moosomin on Thursday night last, and played with the club of that town. Moosomin won by four points.

The annual meeting of the Elkhorn Association, No. 4067, Patrons of Industry, will be held in the school house on Saturday, Jan. 13th, at 3 p.m. Business Annual report and election of officers for the year.

The Indian Home brass band will be in attendance at the St. Mark's Church Sunday School Xmas entertainment tomorrow night. They will also play at the skating rink on Saturday evening and on Christmas night.

The highlight exhibition by McMillian, the travelling specialist of the Salvation Army, announced in our last issue to take place on Monday the 18th, failed to come off, owing to the lantern going on to fire by mistake on Monday's express.

Mr. and Mrs. Fiso, Fraser celebrated their crystal wedding on Monday the 18th. A large number of friends and relatives were present and all spent a most enjoyable time. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser received a number of costly and beautiful presents.

The farmers oppose more than the necessity of a grist mill in our town. The long cold drives to Moosomin are not at all pleasant. How much longer is this sort of thing to continue? Let us hope that the committee and all interested will put forth every effort to have a grist mill in running order by next fall.

A meeting of the Royal Templars of Temperance was held last evening, Rev. Talbot presiding. The principal business before the Council was the motion of which due notice was given, namely that the Council sever its connection with the R. T. of T. and form into a local temperance society. After some discussion it was voted that the motion be laid on the table, and a public meeting called for January 9th, in order that all might have an opportunity to discuss the matter.

The residence of Wm. McLeod was the scene of a very festive occasion last evening. In the presence of a large number of friends his only daughter was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Russell Bailey. The bride was assisted by Miss Gertrude Bailey, sister of the groom, while Mr. Theo McLeod assisted the bridegroom. Rev. Mr. McLeod tied the nuptial knot. After the ceremony a sumptuous repast was partaken of and a pleasant evening spent. The presents were both beautiful and useful. The ADVOCATE extends its congratulations.

The case of assault on Mr. W. Wilson was tried before Messrs. Cushing and Middleton on Monday. The Defendants, Dr. Livingston, Mr. Paul, and G. Land were defended by Mr. Forbes of Moosomin. Mr. Wilson stated his case and called as witness Wm. Paul, Mrs. Paul, and Wm. Harford, who were in the room at which the attack took place. T. Connolly and Alex. Connolly were also called, but none of the witnesses having actually seen the assault committed, it being a very dark night, the case was dismissed. Mr. Wilson has given notice of appeal to the High Court at Brandon.

DEHORNING.

To the Editor of the Advocate.—SIR.—Possibly at this season of the year more than any other the question of dehorning cattle is a live one with stock owners. It has perhaps become necessary to confine a dozen or more cattle with twice as many dangerous weapons in a limited space for the winter months. The long horns are found to take up a great deal of space, the animals are restless and knowing the power of a pair of good horns they are always ready to use them inflicting serious injuries on weaker and more defenceless animals. Many valuable animals have been lost through some vicious cow getting loose at night and just to see if she "is as young as she used to be" she tries her horns on her nearest neighbor with the result that next morning the owner incurs the loss of one of his best cows or a valuable colt. The suffering entailed has also been tenfold worse than could have been caused by dehorning every cow in the establishment. No matter how fine the weather may be from now till spring a dozen horned cattle can not be turned loose in a shed or closed yard without the weaker ones suffering untold misery. No doubt the horns were intended for the self protection of animals when in their wild state, but since they have been domesticated the horns are no longer needed.

Dehorning has become deservedly popular in the eastern provinces and in the United States. In fact in the States these danger signals are now rarely seen. Those who have adopted the practice and have seen the benefits derived therefrom, justify it as being beneficial and advantageous to the comfort and safety of the animals. The pain lasts but a few moments and the animals feed and thrive as though nothing had happened. Even in milch cows the quantity of milk is not perceptably diminished. Those opposed to it characterise it as inhuman and cruel. Chemical dehorners have been tried but have not been very generally recommended by those who have used them. Caustic potash has been the most successful but the tendency to spread and involve more than the embryo horn, has militated against all such remedies. A glance at the anatomy of the horn will throw some light on the question of the amount of pain inflicted in dehorning with the saw or clippers.

Horns consist mainly of three parts, bone-horn, shell-horn and periosteum. Place your finger on the embryo horn of a young calf and it feels like a button; this is a small piece of cartilage held in its place by a thin membrane connected with the bone of the fluid (frontal) bone through which there are a number of small holes. As the animal becomes older these holes enlarge till in adult animals they sometimes reach the dimensions of an inch in diameter. Below the frontal bone there is a hollow space and then there is another plate of bone covering the brain so that the horn is not directly connected with the bones covering the brain. By this it will be seen how ridiculous it is to talk of the hole that appears after dehorning as "going right down into the brain," since there is another strong bone before the brain is reached. The button is the future bone-horn which grows from the outer or frontal bone. Covering the bone horn is a vascular and nervous membrane from which is developed the shell or outer horn. It will therefore be seen at a glance that the only really sensitive part is this very thin membrane covering the bone and as the operation of dehorning lasts but a few moments the pain inflicted must be very slight.

Hoping I have not wearied your readers, I remain
Respectfully Yours,
R. A. McLoquinn, V. S.
Elkhorn, Dec. 20.

ELKHORN CURLING CLUB

President's Competition

RINK SCHEDULE.

	RINK	RINK
Dec. 11th at 7:30 p.m.	6 Mowat vs	7 Broadley
12th	1 Fraser vs	2 Hoy
13th	3 Travis vs	4 Cushing
14th	5 Douglas vs	6 Mowat
15th	7 Broadley vs	8 Hoy
16th	1 Fraser vs	3 Travis
17th	2 Hoy vs	4 Douglas
18th	5 Mowat vs	6 Travis
19th	7 Douglas vs	7 Broadley
20th	4 Cushing vs	5 Mowat
21st	6 Broadley vs	7 Stewart
22nd	1 Fraser vs	4 Douglas
23rd	2 Hoy vs	5 Cushing
24th	3 Travis vs	6 Mowat
25th	5 Cushing vs	7 Broadley
Jan. 1st	1 Fraser vs	5 Stewart
2nd	2 Hoy vs	6 Mowat
3rd	3 Travis vs	7 Broadley
4th	4 Douglas vs	8 Stewart
5th	5 Mowat vs	1 Fraser
6th	6 Broadley vs	2 Hoy
7th	7 Stewart vs	3 Travis
8th	4 Douglas vs	5 Cushing
9th	5 Mowat vs	6 Mowat
10th	6 Broadley vs	7 Stewart
11th	1 Fraser vs	8 Hoy
12th	2 Hoy vs	6 Stewart
13th	3 Travis vs	7 Broadley
14th	4 Douglas vs	8 Cushing

The following are the names of the curliers who will play on Christmas day:

IRISH	CANADIAN
R. D. Cavanagh	W. M. Cushing
B. Waller	J. M. Douglas
T. Evans—Skip	G. Fraser
SCOTSMAN	ENGLISH
R. S. Mowat	F. Travis—Skip
A. Stewart	J. Angus
G. T. Rogers	E. Barnes
J. E. Hoy—Skip	J. Cawell

Virden.

(From our own Correspondent.)

On account of poor sleighing there has not been a great deal of where come into town this week.

Mr. Geo. Mitchell of the Bell Telephone Company spent a few days in town this week.

Mrs. Mottron left last Monday for her home in England.

On the evening of January 1st there will be a Christmas entertainment in the Town Hall under the auspices of the Methodist Sunday School.

Mr. Hall, the editor of the Virden Advance, has recovered from his illness. His friends are glad to see him in his office once more,

The Ladies Guild of St. Mary's Church will hold a social and sale of work at the residence of Mrs. A. Merrick on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20th.

Mr. A. Balkwell left on Sunday's express for Moosejaw where he has secured a situation.

There was a supper and concert held in the Town Hall on Thursday evening last, under the auspices of the Women's Help Society of the Presbyterian church. A large number were present.

There was a great laughing concert in the Town Hall on Friday night last under the auspices of the C. O. F. It was one of the best laughing concerts ever held in Virden.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 12th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. Meek, Mr. Wm. Fitch and Miss Polliston were united in marriage. Miss E. Coulter performed the duties of bridesmaid, and Mr. A. Meek acted as groomsman.

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The Foresters' "At Home" which took place last Friday evening in the store formerly occupied by F. G. Lewin, was a grand success. Some ninety sat down to the good things provided by the Foresters' wives, and bachelors. Foresters who procured fruit, candies and nuts for the occasion. Ample justice being done to this part of the programme, the tables were cleared away, and speeches, songs and games were indulged in to the enjoyment of all. The evening being well advanced into early morning, the gathering dispersed to their several homes feeling that the Foresters were among the cream of society as far as hospitality went.

Mr. Frank Johnston who was badly frozen while driving wood from the Assinibone, is able to be around again. There will be a lecture given in the Presbyterian church on Friday evening, the 22nd, by a gentleman of Brandon, on the life of Martin Luther, also magic lantern scenes worthy of entertaining a good audience. Admission 25 cents.

What means the sound of those wedging bells? We shall hear more about them next issue.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the ADVOCATE and its readers.

Maryfield.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Rev. Dr. Sparling, of Wesley College, delivered Services at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. W. G. W. Fortescue, Russell Bailey to Mary Graham, only daughter of Wm. McLeod, all of Elkhorn.

The Misses Hosil and Williamson are conducting revival services in the English field school.

Mrs. Parlette is slowly recovering from an attack of partial paralysis.

The Maryfield school is now closed for the winter, and Miss Dale, the teacher, has returned to her home at Qu'Appelle.

Wood is becoming scarce. The settlers from Township 7, Range 22, have to get their supply from the Pipestone.

Mr. M. Adair, a former resident, is visiting friends here.

Mr. W. McIndoe has returned from Moosomin, where he has been under the doctor's care. Some years ago he had the misfortune to get one of his toes frozen, and the bone became affected, in consequence.

The N. W. Legislature is supplying the settlers with gopher poison for next year's crop of gophers.

Some of the settlers are having difficulty in getting their patents owing to having acted as bondsmen for those who got seed grain from the Government and have not yet paid for the same.

>> Burnbank and Two Creeks.

(From our own Correspondent.)

A warm wave passed over here last Sunday, the temperature in the shade rising 45° in twelve hours.

One of the polling places for the South Ward of the Municipality of Minotia was held in this district at the Barn on Tuesday last. We have not yet heard who the successful candidates were.

A colt that recently belonged to Mr.

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Mens' and Ladies' Moccasins at \$1 per pair.

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Mens' Fur Coats from \$14.50 up.

Mens' All Wool Underwear, 1.25 a suit and upwards.

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